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Report Highlights:

MY 2005 Turkish cotton area and production is expected to be about 580,000 hectares and 750,000 MT. Cotton production decreased more than predicted in the Aegean and Cukurova regions. During MY 2004 Turkish cotton consumption and imports reached record levels. US constituted sixty-one percent of imports.

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Production

Total area and production declined by 17 percent in MY 2005 compared with a year ago. Other than some local areas in Diyarbakir in the southeast, the harvest has been completed. Some farmers opted to grow corn in the Cukurova region and corn, tomatoes, and sesame in the Aegean region due to poor returns in previous years for cotton. Almost all Turkish cotton fields are irrigated. Increased use of certified seeds and availability of irrigation water during the growing season has reportedly increased yields in most areas.

Turkish farmers are attempting to make domestic cotton more competitive with imported cotton. Reportedly, an increased number of cotton harvesters have been bought to lessen the dependence on hand picking and decrease costs. About 130 various (new and used western and Uzbek) cotton harvesters were used this season the majority of which were used for the first time. Number of harvesters is expected to increase in coming years. It is also reported that coops (Antbirlik, Taris) looking to produce bio-diesel to cut fuel costs. Higher cotton prices in the beginning of the year and lower returns from alternative crops i.e., corn, wheat may encourage farmers to plant more cotton next season.

PSD Cotton

Turkey Cotton (HECTARES)(MT)						
	2003 USDA Official [Old]	Revised Post Estimate [New]	2004 USDA Official [Old]	Estimate Post Estimate [New]	2005 USDA Official [Old]	Forecast Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		08/2003		08/2004		08/2005
Area Planted	0	710000	0	700000	0	580000
Area Harvested	710000	710000	700000	700000	630000	580000
Beginning Stocks	297197	193925	278255	216290	366869	251025
Production	892679	900000	903565	900000	805588	750000
Imports	516012	499315	742230	742735	729384	750000
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	307440	0	455415	0	475000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1705888	1593240	1924050	1859025	1901841	1751025
Exports	77728	76950	33094	33000	32659	25000
USE Dom. Consumption	1349905	1300000	1524086	1575000	1534972	1500000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1349905	1300000	1524086	1575000	1534972	1500000
Ending Stocks	278255	216290	366869	251025	334210	226025
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1705888	1593240	1924049	1859025	1901841	1751025

Consumption

Turkey experienced the highest level of cotton utilization in MY 2004 despite the decrease in cotton yarn production during the summer months. MY 2004 consumption is estimated 1.57 MMT. Turkish textile exports during the first half of the year showed an increase but slowed in June and July. The over-valued Turkish Lira is reportedly having a negative impact on textile and cotton yarn exports. Total cotton consumption is expected to decline somewhat in coming years due to competition with China in international textile markets. Turkish yarn producers on the other hand are in competition with India, Pakistan and Central Asian Countries for cotton yarn exports. Turkey is supplying textile companies in Central Europe with yarn. Should these facilities close, Turkish companies will be hurt.

Trade

Turkish cotton imports were a record amount in MY 2004. Total imports were 742 TMT during the marketing year, up about fifty percent compared to MY 2003. Imports from the US also increased about fifty percent to 455,000 MT, accounting for sixty-one percent of the market. Greece (158,000 MT) and Syria (48,000 MT) were the other leading exporters. Turkey's import demand continued during the first two months of the MY 2005 and imports were 128,000 MT of which seventy-nine percent (101,000 MT) of was supplied by the US.

Import Trade Matrix

Country Turkey

Commodity Cotton

Metric tons

Time Period	MY 2003		MY 2004
Imports for:	Aug/July		Aug/July
U.S.	307441	U.S.	455414
Others		Others	
Greece	77490	Greece	158715
Syria	31388	Syria	48780
Turkmenistan	26411	Uzbekistan	15874
Mersin Free Zone	14964	Turkmenistan	14478
Iraq	8554	Israel	9009
Israel	7354	Egypt	7718
Azerbaijan	6028	Mersin Free Zone	4704
Egypt	5338	Azerbaijan	4186
Uzbekistan	3141	Uganda	3940
Ethiopia	2600	Kazakhstan	2965
Total for Others	183268		270369
Others not Listed	8604		16952
Grand Total	499313		742735

Time Period	MY 2005
Imports for:	Aug/Sept
U.S.	101249
Others	
Syria	7064
Turkmenistan	3954
Greece	3630
Uganda	1904
Egypt	1635
Uzbekistan	1478
Azerbaijan	1250
Brazil	1141
Israel	926
Ghana	756
Total for Others	23738
Others not Listed	3298
Grand Total	128285

Export Trade Matrix

Country Turkey

Commodity Cotton

Metric tons

Time Period	MY 2003		MY 2004
Exports for:	Aug/July		Aug/July
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Mersin Free Zone	19457	Mersin Free Z.	6770
Italy	12158	Italy	6478
Germany	4261	Netherlands	4000
Bangladesh	4139	Kayseri Free Z.	2326
Portugal	3868	Portugal	2004
Netherlands	3754	Greece	1762
France	3611	France	1576
China	3541	Thailand	1445
Kayseri Fee Z.	2729	Hungry	968
Greece	2080	Russia	717
Total for Others	59598		28046
Others not Listed	17348		4951
Grand Total	76946		32997

Time Period	MY 2005
Exports for:	Aug-Sept
U.S.	
Others	
Mersin Free Zone	885
Italy	641
Netherlands	564
Kayseri Free Zone	528
France	214
Greece	153
Hungary	145
Poland	142
Ukraine	107
China	86
Total for Others	3466
Others not Listed	328
Grand Total	3794